

## REPORT OF TOWN MEETING

MARCH 15 ,2014

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Brentwood in the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire , qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at Swasey Central School on Saturday at 9:00 AM March 15,2014 the following business was conducted.

Moderator Richard Chamberlain opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Pledge of allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 192 Leaders Garrett Lasewicz & John Tuck, members Marshall Lasewicz , Zachary Shields, Jackson Lasewicz, Jacob Tuck and Michael Tuck.

Moderator Richard Chamberlain introduced Andrew Artimovich chairman of the Board of Selectman who introduced Jeff Byran , Jane Byrne, and Ken Christiansen board members. Next the Moderator introduced Elyse Seeley Budget Committee chairman, Douglas Cowie Assistant Moderator and Town Clerk Phyllis Thompson.

Richard recognized Martha Clark Supervisor of the check list whom the Town Report was dedicated to this year.

The results of Tuesday's election were read and those elected came forward and were sworn in by Town Clerk Phyllis Thompson.

Andrew Artimovich took a moment to recognize Martha Clark with a basket of flowers for her many years of service to the Town. A round of applause was given by the audience. Next he recognized Phyllis Thompson Town Clerk for her 35 years of service with a beautiful clock and a basket of flowers. A standing ovation followed.

A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to waive the reading of the warrant. Motion passes by voice vote.

Article#1. A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Forty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$3,046,926) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately. A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Article #2 . A motion was made by Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement not to exceed \$510,000 for the purpose of leasing a fire apparatus with equipment with an annual payment of \$99,291 in subsequent years. No payment to be raised this year. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. An amendment was made by Krista Steger and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectman to enter into a five year lease agreement not to exceed \$400,000. For the purpose of leasing a fire apparatus with equipment with an annual payment of \$86,000. In subsequent years. No payment to be raised this year. The lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to close

debate on the amendment. Motion passed by voice vote. Moderator called for hand count on amendment: YES 86 NO 34. Amendment passed. A secret ballot was requested on this Article. Motion was made by Michael Estes and duly seconded to close debate on Article as amended. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. The Polls were opened to vote on Article #2 as amended. Main motion as amended failed. The vote was : YES 69 NO 75 A motion was made by Malcom Allison and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article 1 & 2. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #3. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and duly seconded to see if the if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of town bridges. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #4. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$990,000) for construction and construction engineering for the replacement of the Crawley Falls Road Bridge over the Exeter River (NHDOT Bridge NO.073/065) a Town-owned and maintained bridge with critical deficiencies and limited loading capacity. \$198,000 will be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund for Bridge Repair with the remaining amount to be offset by an 80% grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) through the NHDOT Municipal Managed Bridge Aid Program of an amount up to \$792,000 towards the actual construction and construction engineering costs. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA32:7,VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31,2019 whichever comes sooner. Robert Mantegari made a motion and was duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Article #5 . A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to fund a mosquito control program and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$30,500) for this purpose. If passed this expenditure will be included in the general operating budget for 2015. Motion made by Melissa Litchfield and duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote. Moderator called for show of hands vote . Yes 75 No 41 Main motion passed.

Article #6. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to repair roads and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for this purpose. Motion to close debate and duly seconded made by Robert Mantegari . Motion to close debate passed by voice vote . Main motion passed by voice vote.

Article #7. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of new highway buildings(s). Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #8. A motion was made by Jeff Bryan and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars(\$31,477 ) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of highway vehicles and related equipment. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #9. A motion was made by Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$18,524) for the second year's payment of leasing a backhoe for the highway department. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. A motion was made by Duane Demeritt and duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Article #10. A motion was made by Ken Christiansen and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement of fire and rescue vehicles. An amendment was made by Michael Esters and duly seconded to change amount to \$75,000.00. Amendment passed by voice vote. Moderator called for a hand count. Yes 57 No 48. Main motion as amended to \$75,000. passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE # 11. A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund . An amendment was made by Jim Berlo and duly seconded to amend the amount to \$25,000. Amendment passed by hand count; YES 66 NO 43 A motion was made by Robert Mantegari and duly seconded to close debate. Motion passed by voice vote. Main motion as amended passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Malcom Allison and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles3-11. Motion to restrict passed by voice vote.

Article #12. A motion was made by Andrew Artimovich and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purchase of a police cruiser and related equipment. The Police Special Detail Revolving Fund balance of \$4,000 will be withdrawn for this purpose, the remaining \$36,000 to come from taxation. A motion to close debate was made by Michael Estes and duly seconded. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Article #13. A motion was made by Jane Byrne and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to provide funding to New Outlook. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #14. Submitted by Petition: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood heating systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes. Article failed for lack of motion.

A motion was made by Malcom Allison and duly seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 12 & 13. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed by voice vote.

Article # 15. A motion was made by Eric Turer and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to urge:

That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states including all other New England States, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that: 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2.) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation supports such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Brentwood's congressional delegation, and to Brentwood's State Legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Board of Selectman within 30 days of the vote. A motion was made by Michael Estes and duly seconded to close debate. Motion to close debate passed by voice vote. Main motion failed by voice vote.

Article #16. No motions

Article #17. Andrew Artimovich told the Bee Keepers they would set up a meeting with Dragon Mosquito so they could air their concerns.

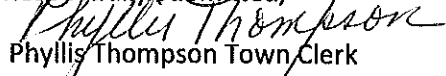
Liz Faria wanted to know how an article was voted on at Town Meeting to go into the budget next year and be made a warrant article.

Liz Faria also wanted to know how we could have Town Meeting before the school.

Jane Byrne thanked all the Department heads for their hard work and also those who work or volunteer for the Town. She also wanted to thank those who took the time to come to Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Douglas Cowie and duly seconded at 12:33, Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Phyllis Thompson Town Clerk